

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department – Orders of Honble High Court dated.13.03.2024 in W.P.(PIL)No. 1615 of 2005 filed by Sri P.R.Subash Chandran, Journalist, regarding conservation of water - State Level, District Level, and GHMC Level watchdog Committees constituted - Roles and Responsibilities of Committees – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (ENGG) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 502

Dated: 15-10-2024

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.205, MA&UD (Engg)Department, Dated:08.04.2024,
2. From the Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad
Lr.Roc.No.181367/2024/H2, Dated:11.07.2024.

ORDER:

1. In order to implementation of orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 13.03.2024 in W.P.(PIL) No.1615 of 2005 orders have been issued in the reference 1st read above constiuting the State Level, Apex Committee, District Level Committee and GHMC level watchdog Committees for regular monitoring of conservation measures and regulation of usage of water.
2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad has submitted the Draft Roles and Responsibilities of watchdog Committees on water conservation at State level, District level and GHMC level duly consolidating the reports received from GHMC, HMWSSB and Ground Water Departments.
3. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby issue the Roles and Responsibilities for State Level Apex Committee, District Level Committee and GHMC Level watchdog Committees for regular monitoring of conservation and regulation of usage of water as follows:-

1. State Level Apex Committee:

- i. Develop comprehensive state-wide policies for rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge.
- ii. Draft and propose amendments to existing laws to strengthen water conservation efforts.
- iii. Ensure uniform implementation of water conservation policies across all districts in Telangana.
- iv. Facilitate collaboration among state departments like Agriculture, Urban Development, Ground Water, HMWS&B, TG Pollution Control Board, State Bio Diversity Board, Education Department and Environment and Forest Department.
- v. Coordinate with central government bodies for funding and technical support.
- vi. Set up a centralized monitoring system to track the progress of water conservation projects.
- vii. Develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to evaluate the success of these projects.
- viii. Design state-wide educational campaigns to promote the benefits and methods of rainwater harvesting and groundwater conservation. Collaborate with media, schools, and NGOs to disseminate information.
- ix. Enforce compliance with the WALTA Act and other related regulations.
- x. Give timely directions to the GHMC and District Level Committee and review the progress once in 6 months.
- xi. Oversee the allocation of state and central funds for water conservation projects and ensure transparent and efficient use of funds.

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2. District Level Watchdog Committees

- i. Implement tailored water conservation projects that address the specific needs and conditions of each district.
- ii. Focus on both rural and urban water management issues within the district.
- iii. Set up monitoring stations to regularly measure groundwater levels and quality.
- iv. Identify and address areas with critical groundwater depletion.
- v. Foster community involvement in water conservation projects through local engagement.
- vi. Creating massive rainwater harvesting structures in public spaces, Government office premises.
- vii. Promote local initiative for rainwater harvesting and sustainable water use.
- viii. Ensure strict adherence to WALTA provisions, especially with regard to indiscriminate digging of borewells.
- ix. Monitor and regulate the use of groundwater and surface water resources.
- x. Conduct educational programs and training sessions for farmers, households, and businesses on water conservation techniques.
- xi. Provide resources and support for impending rainwater harvesting systems.
- xii. Prepare detailed quarterly and annual reports on the effectiveness of water conservation measures.
- xiii. Collect feedback from local communities and stakeholders to improve practices.
- xiv. Oversee the maintenance and functionality of existing rainwater harvesting systems and other conservation infrastructure.
- xv. Facilitate the construction of new water conservation structure where needed.
- xvi. Enforce the construction of rainwater harvesting structures in all new and existing buildings.
- xvii. Ensure compliance with WALTA mandates for rainwater harvesting in public buildings and institutions .
- xviii. Implementing measures to protect and rejuvenate lahes, ponds, and other natural water bodies.
- xix. Prevent encroachment, pollution, and misuse of the water bodies.
- xx. Advocate for and implement practices that promote the sustainable use of water resources.
- xxi. Encourage recycling and reuse of water in domestic, agricultural, and industrial sectors.
- xxii. Monitor and regulate the drilling and operation of borewells to prevent over-extraction of groundwater. Ensure that all borewells are registered and compliant with WALTA regulations.
- xxiii. Promote afforestation and the maintenance of green cover to enhance groundwater recharge.
- xxiv. Prevent complete concreisation/paving in public and private projects, including roads, gated communities, housing projects, govt. offices, etc, so as to enable rain water percolation.

- xxv. Guide Municipal Commissioners and PRI to earmark funds in the Budget for implementation of the above guidelines.
- xxvi. Give wide publicity in the print and electronic media regarding the measures taken up various departments and document success stories.
- xxvii. Submit quarterly report to the State Level Committee.

3. GHMC (Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation) Level Watchdog Committee

- i. Develop strategies for efficient urban water management, focusing on minimizing water waste.
- ii. Integrate water conservation practices into urban planning and development.
- iii. Promote the installation of rainwater harvesting systems in all new and existing buildings.
- iv. Oversee the maintenance and rejuvenation of urban water bodies like lakes and ponds.
- v. Ensure that all construction projects comply with water conservation regulations, including mandatory rainwater harvesting systems.
- vi. Creating massive rainwater harvesting structures in public spaces, government office premises.
- vii. Penalize violations of water use regulations.
- viii. Conduct regular inspections of residential, commercial, and industrial buildings for compliance with rainwater harvesting mandates.
- ix. Audit the water usage of large consumers and promote water-efficient practices.
- x. Organize city-wide campaigns and workshops to educate residents on water conservation techniques.
- xi. Provide incentives for households and businesses that implement rainwater harvesting systems.
- xii. Prevent complete concretization/paving in public and private projects, including roads, gated communities, housing projects, govt. offices, etc, so as to enable rain water percolation.
- xiii. Maintain a database of water usage, rainwater harvesting installations, and groundwater levels within the GHMC area and use this data to identify trends and areas needing improvement.
- xiv. Partner with local NGOs, community groups, and academic institutions to promote and implement water conservation projects.
- xv. Engage with technology provides and starts-ups to incorporate advanced water management solutions.
- xvi. Allocate suitable budget for the project implementation.
- xvii. Documentation of success stories.
- xviii. Submit Quarterly report to the State Level Committee for review.

4. The Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

M. DANA KISHORE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Secretary to Government, MA&UD Department.
The Secretary to Government, Irrigation and Command Area Development Department.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Department.

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The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
The Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA, Hyderabad.
The Director of Municipal Administration, T.G, Hyderabad.
The Managing Director, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad.
The Metropolitan Commissioner, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority, Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief (Public Health), Hyderabad.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Mission Bhagiratha, T.G., Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief / Chief Engineer, GHMC, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, Hyderabad, Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA).
The Chief City Planner, GHMC, Hyderabad.
The Director, Ground Water Department, T.S., Hyderabad.
All the Collectors & District Magistrates in the State.
All the Additional Collectors of Local Bodies in the State.
All the Municipal Commissioners of Municipalities and Corporations in the state – Through the DMA, T.G., Hyderabad.
All the District Rural Development officers through-the PR&RD Department.
All the District Panchayat Officers through the PR&RD Department.
The Superintending Engineers (MB) concerned-through the PR&RD Department.
The Superintending Engineers (Irrigation) concerned-through the I&CAD Department.
The Executive Engineers (Public Health) Concerned through the ENC (PH), T.G., Hyderabad.
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The Learned Advocate General, Hon'ble High Court of Telangana,
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